



CITY COUNCIL

Committee of the Whole

Monday, February 28, 2022

5:00 pm

Virtual Meeting

Agenda

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- I. Redistricting Commission Recommendation (attached)**
- II. Containing Charter Board Costs**
- III. Schedule Retreat**
- IV. Agenda Review**



AGENDA MEMO

City Council Office

TO: City Council
FROM: Redistricting Commission
PREPARED BY: Michael D. Golembiewski, Berks County Planning Commission
MEETING DATE: March 14, 2022
AGENDA MEMO DATE: February 16, 2022
RECOMMENDED ACTION: Revising City Council Districts 1 and 6 boundaries

RECOMMENDATION

Based on new population counts from the 2020 Decennial Census, the recommendation is to move Precinct 5-1 from Council District 6 to District 1.

BACKGROUND

The City Charter calls for a Redistricting Commission to be organized after the receipt of Decennial Census counts to review Council boundaries and make recommendations for Citywide redistricting. The Commission met in November and December 2021, and in January and February 2022 to undertake this process. The Commission was provided data and assistance by staff from the Berks County Planning Commission; legal assistance from City and County legal staffs; mapping assistance from City and County Information Technology staffs; and meeting support from the City Clerk. The Commission reviewed past and current Census data and Council District boundaries and made numerous attempts at making Districts more equivalent in population as required by State and Federal regulations while improving neighborhood cohesiveness (as allowed by the Charter) by moving Precinct 5-1 into Council District 1. The Commission's ultimate recommendation to Council satisfies both objectives.

BUDGETARY IMPACT

There should be no budgetary impact.

SUBSEQUENT ACTION

Formal action by Council is required to hold a Public Hearing within 45 days of receipt of this recommendation then adopt the updated boundaries at the next regular meeting of Council. Review at Committee of the Whole 2/28, 2022. Schedule Public Hearing for March 21, 2022, 5:00 p.m.

RECOMMENDED BY

Redistricting Commission

RECOMMENDED MOTION

Approve/Deny the recommendation

cc: File

CURRENT CITY COUNCIL DISTRICTS BY PRECINCT POPULATIONS

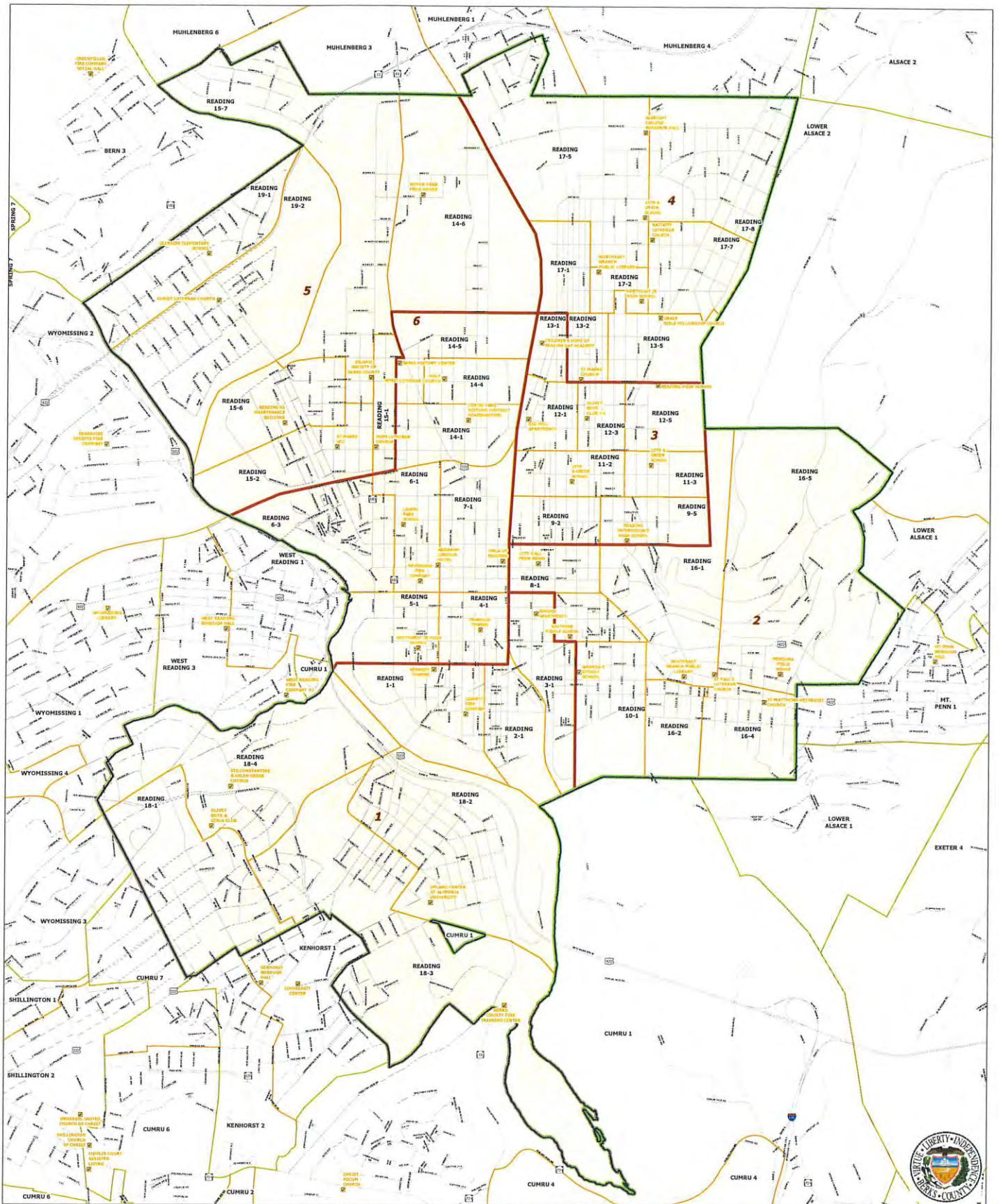
Proposed Dist.	Orig. Dist.	Name	Population
1	1	W 01 P 01	1672
1	1	W 02 P 01	1489
1	1	W 03 P 01	2869
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Total city population:	95,112
Mean population per district:	15,852

Proposed Dist.	Dist. Pop	Deviation
1	15,122	-730 -0.77%
2	16,241	389 0.41%
3	16,003	151 0.16%
4	15,200	-652 -0.69%
5	15,901	49 0.05%
6	16,645	793 0.83%

Std Dev: 542.1
(If all districts were exactly the same size, the standard deviation would be 0.0)





Voting Precincts & Polling Places **City of Reading, Berks County, Pennsylvania**

- Polling Place
- Voting Precinct
- City of Reading
- Municipal Boundary
- Roads

0 2,000 4,000 Feet

Map Prepared by Berks County GIS
 Coordinate System: State Plane Pennsylvania South
 Datum: NAD 1983

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Date: 1/26/2019



PROPOSED CITY COUNCIL DISTRICTS BY PRECINCT POPULATIONS

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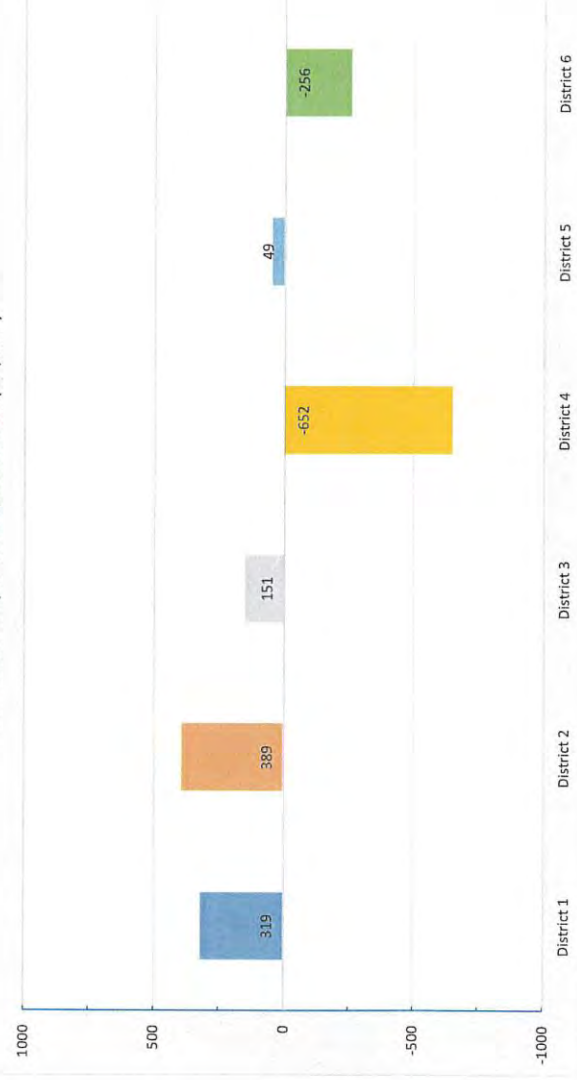
Std Dev: 358.0

(If all districts were exactly the same size, the standard deviation would be 0.0)

Summary:	Proposal	
Largest district deviation:	652	vs. 793 in the original
Standard deviation:	358	vs. 542 in the original
Precincts that change districts:	1	
People who change districts:	1,049	which is 1.1% of the city population

Proposed Districts

Numerical Departure from Mean (15,852)



City of Reading, PA Proposed Council Districts Change 2022

